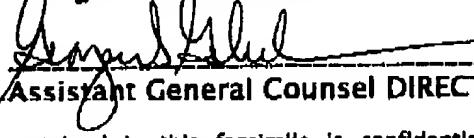


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING DIGITAL
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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An extension for _____ month(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
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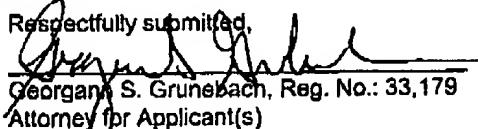
Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 18, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	29 minus	53*	= 0	x \$ 50.00	\$ -0-	
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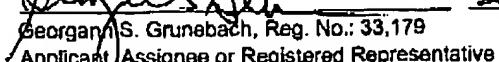
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In response to the Office action dated November 18, 2004, please enter the following
amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims, are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.